

# NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

## TITLE 7. EDUCATION

## CHAPTER 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## ARTICLE 3

PREAMBLE

1. 

<u>Sections Affected</u>	<u>Rulemaking Action</u>
R7-2-312	New
2. The specific authority for the rulemaking, including both the authorizing statute (general) and the statutes the rules are implementing (specific):  
  
Authorizing statute: A.R.S. §15-203(A)  
  
Implementing statute: §15-203(A)(28)
3. Effective Date of the Rule:  
  
Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1032 (A), the rules will be effective sixty days after filing with the Secretary of State.
4. A list of all previous notices appearing in the Register addressing the final rule:

Vol. #	Page #	Issue Date
7	5186	November 16, 2001
Vol. #	Page #	Issue Date
8	2202	May 24, 2002
5. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:  
  
Name: Christy Farley, Executive Director  
  
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6. An explanation of the rule, including the agency's reasons for initiating the rule:

The State Board of Education is proposing to add new rule, R7-2-312, to implement House Bill 2549 passed by the legislature in 1999, amending A.R.S. 15-203, subparagraph (28). The law, as amended, requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules that provide for the presentation of an honorary high school diploma to a person who has never obtained a high school diploma and who (a) is at least 65 years of age; (b) currently resides in Arizona; (c) provides documented evidence from the Arizona Department of Veterans Services that the person enlisted in the armed forces of the United States before completing high school in a public or private school, and (d) was honorably discharged from service with the armed forces of the United States.

7. A reference to any study that the agency proposes to rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the proposed rule and where the public may obtain or review the study, all data underlying each study, any analysis of the study and other supporting material:

None

8. A showing of good cause why the rule is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rule will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable.

9. The summary of the economic, small business and consumer impact:

There will be no significant economic or small business impact related to this rule.

Schools issuing high school diplomas pursuant to this rule may incur minimal costs

associated with mailing the diploma. The Department of Education may incur minimal costs associated with printing a supply of diplomas to be made available to the issuing schools.

10. A description of the changes between the proposed rules, including supplemental notices, and final rules (if applicable):

Not applicable.

11. A summary of the principal comments and the agency response to them:

No comments were presented to the Board.

12. Any other matters prescribed by statute that are applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules:

Not applicable.

13. Incorporations by reference and their location in the rules:

None.

14. Was this rule previously adopted as an emergency rule?

No.

15. The full text of the rule follows:

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#### ARTICLE 3. CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

##### R7-2-312. Honorary High School Diploma

- A. An honorary high school diploma shall be provided to individuals who have never obtained a high school diploma and that meet each of the following requirements:
1. Is at least sixty-five years of age;
  2. Currently resides in Arizona;
  3. Provides documented evidence from the Arizona department of veterans' services that they were enlisted in the armed forces of the United States before completing high school in a public or private school; and
  4. Was honorably discharged from service with the armed forces of the United States.
- B. All high schools shall provide for the presentation of an honorary high school diploma to an individual eligible pursuant to subparagraph A. The individual shall not be required to reside within the school boundaries.